

SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE FOR PARENT NEWSLETTER: School Safety Month 2014

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October 2014 is Safe Schools Month in Colorado.

Earlier this year the legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution 14-031 to create Colorado Safe Schools Month, and Governor Hickenlooper has declared October as Safe Schools Month in Colorado by signing an official proclamation at the beginning of the 2014 school year.

Our school is marking this week by _____. (For ideas of possible activities, see the National School Safety Center for a list <http://www.schoolsafety.us/safe-schools-week>, go to the National Center for Safe Routes to Schools <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/index.cfm>, or call the Colorado School Safety Resource Center, 303-239-4435).

We have policies, practices and programs that contribute to school safety throughout the year. Some highlights of recent efforts include (list here things like: new bullying prevention programs; crisis and emergency plans and teams, staff training, school climate surveys, promotion of Safe2Tell report line; mandatory visitor sign-ins at the office; ID badges for staff and students; periodic practice drills for students and staff; on-going communication and collaboration with local law enforcement, fire agencies, and other community partners; new equipment; and/or parent notification systems, etc.)

Student safety is everyone's job. Safe schools are free of bullying and harassment, free of crime and violence, free of weapons, and free of drugs. We believe that safe schools contribute to the academic achievement of our students and we strive to make our school a positive and caring place for everyone. We ask the entire community to support our efforts to make our school safe for every student.